

days. Trudy came to HealthSouth in May 2007 and was then transferred to Johnstown Select Specialty Hospital after being diagnosed with critical illness myopathy. Trudy was placed on a ventilator for several weeks while also battling diabetes. Trudy went through an extremely exhausting period but was able to overcome her illness. Trudy is currently in the Wellness Program and even volunteers her time with patient charts and at a lunchtime group. While Trudy's life was completely interrupted by her illness, she was able to overcome each challenge with an embracing smile, a warm heart, and a strong mind. While still working to fight against her illness, Trudy is an active mother and grandmother attending her grandson's baseball games and hosting pizza parties at "Trudy's Place."

Dustin Dillon is the recipient of the "No Limits" Personal Achievement Award. Dustin was nominated for this award by his father. Dustin was born 10 weeks premature and had a bleed on his brain requiring a shunt when he was only 2 months old. While going to school and attending classes, Dustin would suffer from headaches and stomach problems. As a result, Dustin was taken to the hospital for a CAT scan and then transferred to another hospital. Dustin suffered a stroke while awaiting diagnosis and went into a coma. The doctors told Dustin's parents that his chance for recovery was less than 5 percent. Dustin's father, Gary, would sit and talk with his son in the evenings and encourage him to respond. Dustin was able to move his hands and feet at his father's request. After an examination, Dustin was transferred to HealthSouth Altoona. After spending a month there, Dustin was able to talk, sit up, eat regular foods, and wash and dress himself. Dustin has returned to school and continues his therapy as an outpatient. Thanks to Dustin's hard work and the help of his therapist at HealthSouth, Dustin was able to return to school at West Branch Senior High School.

Franklin Foster is also a recipient of the "No Limits" Personal Achievement Award. Frank has suffered four strokes since 2004 and has been a patient of HealthSouth ever since. The strokes have severely impaired Frank's speech and limited his ability to swallow. Though it is difficult to understand Frank's speech, he continues to use his speech clarity strategies he has learned in therapy. Frank has incredible patience and never appears to be frustrated. Frank loves to tell jokes, and he works hard so others can appreciate and comprehend his humor. Frank's cheerfulness has inspired many on staff at HealthSouth, and he continues to work to overcome his disability.

Congratulations to Trudy, Dustin and Franklin. Their accomplishments are a testament that with hard work, persistence, and a big heart, we can overcome any hardship. I congratulate each of them on their perseverance, and I wish them the best as they continue to overcome their illnesses and disabilities while setting an example for the rest of the community.

IN HONOR OF RACHEL C. KING  
COUNSEL FOR THE HOUSE COM-  
MITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 23, 2008*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. GOHMERT, and I would like to submit this statement into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on behalf of all the Members and staff of the Judiciary Committee regarding our dear friend and colleague, Rachel King, who, after a long battle with cancer, passed away on August 25, 2008, at her home in Wayne, Maine, overlooking Dexter Pond, surrounded by family and friends.

We were privileged to know Rachel during her time as counsel to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. Many of us, and many others who work on Capitol Hill, already knew her from when she worked with the American Civil Liberties Union.

Rachel was one of the most intelligent, passionate, and committed advocates in the fight for justice and equality. On issue after issue, whether it was the death penalty, mandatory minimum sentencing, drug policy, child soldiers, or denial of due process, Rachel was a clear, strong, and articulate voice for justice, and she was loved and admired for it. She continued to pursue this commitment energetically at the Committee right up until the week before her last days in Maine.

She was well-known and well-respected for her tireless advocacy against capital punishment. She authored two books about the death penalty, each from the perspective of families affected—one, regarding families of murder victims; the other, families of the condemned. She also wrote a novel detailing the lives, challenges and triumphs of advocates in Washington, DC, working for progressive social causes. And many did not know that she was pursuing a master's degree in creative writing at Johns Hopkins University, in addition to the Juris Doctorate and Masters in Law degrees she already had.

We will remember Rachel not only for the wise and experienced counsel she gave us on issues going to the heart of what a criminal justice system should look like in a civilized society, but also for her gentle and tireless spirit.

We are grateful that she chose to spend the last part of her distinguished career working with us.

TOM ROSS

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 23, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Tom G. Ross on the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years of serving and protecting others in law enforcement.

Tom began his career in July of 1967 and faithfully served as a law enforcement officer for more than forty years, including twenty-eight years in the City of Long Beach, California and more than 12 years in the City of Smithville, Missouri. Over the years, Tom has received special recognition from his command staff due to his strong personal qualities, professional skills and his willingness to put his country and fellow citizens before himself.

Tom has earned the gratitude and respect of his fellow officers and fellow citizens of Smithville, Missouri. His life's dedication and hard work should serve as an example to the rest of us on how we can better serve each other and our great nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Tom Ross for his dedicated service to ensuring the safety of the people of Smithville, Missouri. I know Tom's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him happiness and good health in his retirement.

HONORING TAIWAN'S NATIONAL  
DAY, OCTOBER 10TH

### HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 23, 2008*

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend to the people of Taiwan my heartiest congratulations as we approach October 10 or National Day—the founding day of the Republic of China.

Since Taiwan's government was originally founded on the Chinese mainland nearly one hundred years ago, the people and government of the republic have made great economic and political strides.

Over the last several decades, Taiwan has been transformed from a one-party state, into a thriving global economic powerhouse, a generous and responsible member of the international community, and one of the most vibrant multi-party democracies in the Western Pacific.

Madam Speaker, this year was an especially eventful year in Taiwan's democratic evolution as voters on the island went to the polls to elect a new president and vote on a nationwide referendum. The results saw Taiwan's voters overseeing the second peaceful transfer of power there since Taiwan's remarkable transition to democracy in the 1990's.

The Taiwanese people deserve our respect and admiration for moving forward with this historic election—courageously going to the polls despite pressure and threats of violence from the Beijing authorities and their so-called "anti-secession law."

Again, I rise to congratulate the Taiwanese people, and I hope that this important holiday will continue to inspire everyone on the island to continue working together to preserve a bright future for democratic Taiwan.